SUBJECT No. 52.

Disposal of *honge* leaves by the Forest Department.

Messrs. (1) Gopalappa, Challakere Taluk and (2) Venkatáramaiya, Nagamangala Taluk.

Mr. Gopalappa.—Sale of *honge* leaves may be restricted to raiyats of the taluk, outsiders being prohibited from bidding and speculating. *Honge* seeds and leaves are sold by the Forest Department as State Forest Produce, even though the trees are within the boundary of villages. By this arrangement, the raiyats are very much inconvenienced. The villagers may be allowed the benefit of such trees as heretofore.

Second Member of Council.—The exclusion of *honge* leaves and seed from the category of Minor Forest Produce and their sale as a separate item by the Forest Department, preferably to raiyats, has been ordered by Government on 18th September 1920.

Mr. Gopalappa.—Such sales may be ordered to be conducted villagewar.

Second Member of Council.—Orders will be issued to sell the item villagewar.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Villagers to be given forest produce gratis or for upset price.

Messrs. G. Subba Rao, Closepet Sub-Taluk and D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. Subba Rao.—The present system of auctioning the village forest produce (*amarai*) is disadvantageous to raiyats and injurious to trees since very often troublesome outsiders bid for it. This produce may therefore be given to local men either gratis or on an upset price.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The price may be fixed on the average of the past 4 or 5 years.

Second Member of Council.—Orders will be issued to the effect that *amrai* should be sold villagewar and preferably to raiyats.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Free removal of manurial plants from jungles.

Mr. M. Narasimha Sastry, Arkalgud Taluk.

Permission may be granted for the removal of manurial plants from State Forests as there is some restriction in certain localities.

Second Member of Council.—Cannot be done. Plants may be taken from District jungles; but not from State Forests. There is a Committee going into the whole question. Orders will issue shortly on their recommendations. If any difficulties are felt even after that, they may be brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Disposal of *tangadi* bark in *hiduvali* lands.

Mr. B. Narayana Reddy, Pavagada Taluk.

Mr. Krishnamurtiachar.—(In the absence of the mover) *Tangadi* bark is auctioned talukwar. When raiyats clear their fields of *tangadi* bark, they are threatened by the contractors.

Second Member of Council.—When there are any local difficulties, they may be brought to the notice

of the local authorities. No change in the Rules is called for on account of particular cases of oppression.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Issue of free license by the Forest Department.

Messrs. D. Nanje Gowda, Manjarabad Taluk, H. Basave Gowda, Kadur District Board and B. Nanje Gowda, South Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—There is great delay in obtaining licenses for carting timber on account of its grant being under the control of Forest and Revenue Departments. It should be under one administration.

Second Member of Council.—Will be considered in consultation with the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Felling timber in District Jungles.

Mr. I. Santappa Setty, Kadur District Board.

Mr. Santappa Setti.—Orders may be issued to the Forest Department for the immediate cessation of the practice of felling timber and firewood in the District jungles.

Second Member of Council.—A Committee has been appointed to enquire into the question and orders will be passed on its recommendations in due course.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—Till orders issue, the felling of timber and firewood may be suspended.

Second Member of Council.—It is expected that orders will issue before the end of the year and the Deputy Commissioner says that he will issue orders to stop felling trees.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Establishment of a Forest Depot in each Taluk.

Mr. Chikka Mallappa, Gundlupet Taluk.

A Forest Depot may be established in every taluk head-quarter instead of one for three or four taluks in order to mitigate the hardship that poor people constructing houses have been subjected to and every kind of wood including bamboos may be sold therein.

Second Member of Council.—Depots cannot be established in every place. If there is need anywhere, the Deputy Commissioner may be approached to move in the matter in consulation with the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Giving out village plantations for cultivation.

Messrs. D. S. Krishna Rao, Nelamangala Taluk and B. N. Vijaya Deva, Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore.

Mr. D. S. Krishna Rao.—Several plantations in the villages now under the Forest Department are lying fallow. Such plots may be given out to raiyats for cultivation.

Second Member of Council.—Each case must be dealt with on its merits. No general order can be passed.

Mr. Murgesam Pillai.—Such plantations may be given to Panchamas, so that they may become small landholders.

Second Member of Council.—A Committee has been appointed to go into the question as to what facilities should be given for the elevation of the depressed